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Efforts are being made in East Germany to give preference to tolerances (Passungen) based on GOST norms. It is worthy of note that of late it has been emphasized in technical lectures, newspaper articles, and the like, that the Russian norms would be more advantageous for East Germany than norms established by the DIN. It is presumed that the current propaganda in favor of Russian norms is being promoted by the chief of the East German Office for Standardization, Eberhard Arlt, who was a member of the Central Committee of the SED before assuming his present post. East German technicians, however, are against using GOST norms and have come out in favor of the DIN norms. In their opinion, a switch to GOST norms would be a step in the wrong direction, for with GOST norms it would be impossible to work as economically as in the past. For example, hexagonal bolts, according to GOST norms, require more material than bolts produced according to DIN norms.

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1. ☐ Comment: Deutsche Industrienormen, German industrial norms.

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2. ☐ Comment: Probably an employee of the Central Committee of the SED; not listed as a member.

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